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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT SECURITY

REF: LIBREVILLE 1701

1. WITHIN LAST FEW WEEKS EMBAOFFS HAVE NOTICED CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT LIBREVILLE LEON MBA AIRPORT, ALTHOUGH SOME PROBLEM AREAS STILL EXIST. MOST READILY IDENTIFIABLE IMPROVEMENT IS CONSTRUCTION OF LOW BARRIER BETWEEN TRANSIT SECTION AND INTERNATIONAL ARRIVALS AREA. BARRIER IS ONLY THREE FEET HIGH AND DOES NOT PROVIDE ABSOLUTE SECURITY, BUT IT IS BETTER THAN NOTHING. FURTHER, SCREENING OF DEPARTING PASSENGERS AND CARRY ON LUGGAGE HAS BEEN INCREASED AND IS NOW MORE THOROUGH.

2. AS PERHAPS PART OF THIS EFFORT TO INCREASE AIRPORT SECURITY, NO DOUBT IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT YEARS OAU SUMMIT, GOG HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN USG PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR TRAINING AIRPORT SECURITY PERSONNEL IN PROCEDURES, TECHNIQUES, ETC. REQUEST WAS MADE THROUGH LOCAL PANAM REP. GOG WOULD PAY ALL COSTS INVOLVED.

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3. ACTION REQUESTED: APPRECIATE RECEIVING ASAP ANY DETAILS

AVAILABLE

OF TRAINING COURSES, INCLUDING ESTIMATES OF COST, NUMBER OF
PEOPLE WHO COULD BE ACCOMMODATED IN SESSIONS, BRIEF DESCRIPTION
OF COURSE MATERIAL, ETC. TO BE OF ANY BENEFIT TO GOG, COURSE MUST
BE OFFERED IN FRENCH LANGUAGE. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER TRAINING
ONLY AVAILABLE IN US OR WHETHER FAA INSTRUCTORS COULD TRAVEL TO
GABON PERHAPS IN CONNECTION WITH TRIP TO OTHER FRANCOPHONE
COUNTRIES, TO PRESENT
TRAINING HERE. IF LATTER OPTION POSSIBLE, INSTRUCTORS
MUST BE FLUENT IN FRENCH. STEIGMAN

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